

# God So Loves

Intro and Review

Text: **John 3:15-21**

**15.** Whoever believes [all of the believing ones] will in Him have eternal life.

**16.** “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

So loved: Notice the contrast between this verse and **1 John 2:15-17**.

Christians [the believing ones] are not to love the world with the selfish love of participation.

God loves the world with the selfless and costly love of redemption.  
Yet all of the world is not saved. (?)

What does God think of the world? **Romans 1:28-32**. God loves but God also hates sin and sinners! (**Psalm 5:4-5; Psalm 11:5**)  
Remember sin is the expression of a sinful heart that hates God.

The so emphasizes not only how big His love is for a world He created but how His love came to save a completely vile and corrupt world that hates Him!

He gave! He is the source of salvation.  
He gives we either reject or receive that gift! Our actions prove our being!  
His only begotten! One of a kind. Like essence  
Whoever believes [all of the believing ones] -our faith is descriptive of all of His sheep and not a prescription to make us one.  
Will not perish- Surety  
Have life now and in the age to come. Now and not yet!

**17.** “For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

Again we see a contrast between Jesus’ role as Savior and Judge **Luke 4:16-21** compare with Isaiah **61:1-2**.

The Son of Man came into an already lost and condemned world. He did not come into a neutral world in order to save some and condemn others; he came into a lost world in order to save some. In Adam all are condemned. In Christ all are saved!

All of the world will be saved is made perfectly clear by the next verses (vv. 18–21); but God's purpose in the mission of Jesus was to bring salvation to it. That is why Jesus is later called 'the Saviour of the world' ( **John 4:42**; cf. **1 Jn. 4:14**). He saves all that He came to save. He is the Good Shepherd! He doesn't lose His sheep!

**18.** "He who believes in Him is not judged;

He who does not believe has been judged already, (**Romans 1:24, 26, 28**).  
Because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

The sinner is judged for His sins, his unbelief (a sin) is a rejection of the love of God and the gift of His Son. There is no other way to be saved!

**19.** "And this is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.

A description of the unbelieving one's (**Romans 3:10-18**)

**20.** "For everyone [all unbelievers] who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light lest his deeds be exposed.

**21.** "But he [all believers] who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been done by God."

All believers have been chosen out of the world and are of the world when the Gospel first finds them. (**John 15:19**)

His ultimate purpose is the salvation of those in the world who believe in Him.

The Believing one's  
Experience new birth (3:3, 5)  
Has eternal life (3:15, 16)  
Is saved (3:17)

The unbelieving perish, lose their life, doomed to destruction

Which are you? Prove it! Prove it to your flesh! Prove it to the World! Prove it to God!